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Overview

Proposes to allow a public employer and the exclusive representative of the teachers to meet and negotiate and sign a collective bargaining agreement only during the three-month period in the odd-numbered year when school is not in session. Directs an arbitrator selected by the bureau of mediation services to decide the matter if no agreement is reached. Strikes language establishing a January 15 deadline for collective bargaining agreements and a state aid penalty for failing to meet that deadline. Repeals statutory provisions related to the state aid penalty.

- 1** **Contract deadline date.** Allows a public employer and the exclusive representative of the teachers to meet and negotiate and sign a collective bargaining agreement only during the three-month period in the odd-numbered year when school is not in session. Declares that when an agreement is not reached and signed during that three-month period, an arbitrator selected by the bureau of mediation services must decide the matter based on a final-offer total package from the public employer and from the exclusive representative of the teachers. Strikes language imposing a state aid penalty if a collective bargaining agreement is not signed by January 15 of an even-numbered year and allowing a public employer and the exclusive representative of the teachers to submit unresolved contract items to interest arbitration.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2011, and applicable to all collective bargaining agreements ratified or modified after that date.

- 2** **Repealer.** Repeals two subdivisions related to the calculation and exemptions for a state aid penalty in the statutory section establishing a deadline for collective bargaining agreements.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2011.